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- ° SENATE AND HOUSE HAVE BEEN ADVISED WE HAVE OUR OWN LEGISLATION PENDING WITH OMB.
- ° BOTH RUDDOCK AND HUSTEAD ADVISED AGAINST THROWING IN WITH ROTH/STEVENS BILL AT THIS TIME. TO DO SO WOULD BE GIVING UP ON GETTING ANYTHING BETTER OTHER THAN WHAT COMES OUT OF ROTH/STEVENS BILL - WE ARE BETTER OFF STAYING WHERE WE ARE.
- ° WORST THAT WOULD HAPPEN - IF WE FAIL TO MAKE THE CASE FOR OUR LEGISLATION - IS WE GET PROVISIONS OF THE ROTH/STEVENS RETIREMENT BILL. WHY GIVE IN UP FRONT?
- ° ROTH/STEVENS NOT TOTALLY IN EFFECT UNTIL 1 JAN 1987. IN ALL LIKELIHOOD WILL HAVE TO BE TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO CLEAR UP LOOSE ENDS. IF APPROPRIATE COULD PURSUE LEGISLATION AT THAT TIME.
- ° THERE IS STILL A GOOD CHANCE ROTH/STEVENS WILL GET BETTER - HOUSE WILL WEIGH IN DURING CONFERENCE SESSIONS.
- ° IN DISCUSSION WITH OPM/OMB/CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES - NO OBJECTIVES TO IN-HOUSE PROGRAM ENCOUNTERED - WE STILL NEED LEGISLATION TO DO THIS IN ANY EVENT. THIS MEANS THE VEHICLE IS STILL THERE TO PURSUE ENTIRE RETIREMENT ISSUES BENEFITS AND ALL. WRONG MOVE AT THIS TIME JEOPARDIZES ENTIRE EFFORTS.
- ° BY WAITING TO SEE WHAT DEVELOPS WE CAN:
 - (1) IF ADEQUATE FOR OUR NEEDS, SAY WE WILL USE PROVISIONS OF ROTH/STEVENS AS A MODEL FOR OUR PLAN;
 - (2) SAY ITS NOT ADEQUATE AND PURSUE WHAT WE NEED;
- ° ACTION RECOMMENDED:
 - (1) REINFORCE WITH OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES OUR CURRENT POSTURE.
 - (2) ATTEMPT TO GET SOME STATEMENT OF SUPPORT ON SENATE/HOUSE FLOOR FOR OUR SPECIAL NEEDS TO ADMINISTER OUR SYSTEM WHEN THE RETIREMENT ISSUE IS CONSIDERED.